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DOCTOR.....COLIN BAKER  
PERI:.....NICOLA BRYANT  
GRANT:.....JON GLOVER  
SEEDLE .....RON PEMBER  
SNATCH.....NICK REVELL  
COMPUTER VOICES.....JANE CARR  
SLARN.....VALENTINE DYALL  
STEWARD.....ALAN THOMPSON (DRC)  
TIME LORD.....ALAN THOMPSON (DRC)  
MASTON.....ALAN THOMPSON (DRC)

1. GRAMS                      OPENING THEME MUSIC

(CROSS FADE TO INSIDE THE DOCTOR'S HEAD.  
THE DOCTOR IS BANGING ON THE DOOR)

2. INNER VOICE:        You won't get it open

3. DOCTOR:            (FURIOUS) And neither will you get away with  
your dispicable plan!

4. INNER VOICE:        The crew will not die by my hand

5. DOCTOR:            But you know what is going to happen. You  
could warn them

6. INNER VOICE:        To what purpose?

7. DOCTOR:            So that they could abandon ship!

8. INNER VOICE:        Come, Doctor. Half the crew is a carbon based  
life form. You know how hard they fight.  
Most of them wouldn't leave even if they were  
given the chance

9. DOCTOR:            Please tell them about the danger

10. INNER VOICE:        And have them try and dismantle me. I don't  
think so

11. F/X:                CUT TO: CAPTAIN'S CABIN

1. F/X: CUT TO: THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

2. SLARN: Look at my pustules grow

3. STEWARD: (TERRIFIED) Oh, please, sir

4. SLARN: I have never seen anything develop so quickly

5. STEWARD: You mustn't, sir. You really mustn't

6. SLARN: Soon my body will contain enough virus to wipe  
out a planet let alone this pathetic ship

7. STEWARD: But, sir, your vengeance is only against one man

8. SLARN: So what? I've always been vindictive by nature

9. F/X: CUT TO DUCTING OUTSIDE THE CELL DOOR

1. F/X: CUT TO:  
DUCTING OUTSIDE THE CELL DOOR
2. SEEDLE: I've never met such a devious door. It refuses to open
3. SNATCH: Shall I blast it, sir
4. SEEDLE: You have a one track mind, Snatch
5. GRANT: The door is made of vestidian steel. Not even a Bastic torpedo would scratch it
6. SEEDLE: Sounds like the sort of door you'd fit to a safe, sir?
7. GRANT: How should I know. I'm a computer programmer, not a safe builder
8. SEEDLE: Then I would prefer to draw my own conclusions, if you don't mind
9. PERI: Which is?
10. SEEDLE: The missing art treasures are behind that door
11. F/X: CUT TO INSIDE THE DOCTOR'S HEAD

1. F/X: CUT TO:

INSIDE THE DOCTOR'S HEAD

2. INNER VOICE: I know that you have a Tardis, Doctor, and that you will try and return to it
3. DOCTOR: That's fair speculation
4. INNER VOICE: I have not dismantled it, if that's what you're thinking
5. DOCTOR: Then there has to be a 'but' involved somewhere
6. INNER VOICE: Only a small one. You recall the Maston? He's still roaming the ducting
7. DOCTOR: Let me guess. Somewhere between here and my Tardis?
8. INNER VOICE: There is every probability. If he finds you, he will try and eat you. He does that sort of thing, you know
9. DOCTOR: And I suppose that won't be murder either?
10. INNER VOICE: The creature is a primitive predator. It is simply obeying its instinct.

DOCTOR over.....

1. DOCTOR: There is something decidely warped about your reasoning

(THE COMPUTER VOICE RATTLES INTO LIFE)

2. COMP VOICE: I was beginning to think that, too

3. INNER VOICE: Be quiet

4. DOCTOR: Why did you bring the Maston here?

5. INNER VOICE: To creat a diversion. I was concerned a member of the crew might discover my drones building this cell

6. DOCTOR: And you decided to leave it wandering around the ducting?

7. INNER VOICE: Have you ever tried to recapture a frightened, hungry Maston? It can smash a maintenance drone to pieces with one blow

8. COMP VOICE: I could have contrived to have had it ejected into space. (HIC-UPS) Sorry about that

9. DOCTOR: Haven't you been listening to yourself. That would have been murder

INNER VOICE over.....

1. INNER VOICE: Enough!

(CUT EFFECTS. THE DOCTOR IS NOW ALONE IN HIS CELL)

2. DOCTOR: Where've you gone?

(THE DOOR SLIDES OPEN AND SEEDLE AND THE OTHERS ENTER)

3. SEEDLE: (COMING ON MIC) You're nicked, whoever you are

4. PERI: (COMING ON MIC) Doctor, am I pleased to see you

5. DOCTOR: Can we save the reunion until later

6. SEEDLE: (ANNOYED) Did you hear what I said, sir

7. DOCTOR: Just a moment. Have any of you heard of mors immedicabilis?

8. SNATCH: He's trying to baffle us with a foreign language, sir?

9. GRANT: Isn't that what's known as the incurable death?

10. DOCTOR: That's right. And your captain has it

GRANT over....

1. GRANT: (SHOCKED) Not even he would go that far

2. DOCTOR: I get the feeling he may have been coaxed

3. PERI: What is this incurable death?

4. DOCTOR: The most virulent virus in the universe.  
The briefest contact and you're dead within minutes.  
We must get back to the Tardis

5. SEEDLE: Just a moment, sir. Where are the art treasures?

6. DOCTOR: Haven't you been listening? If you want to leave  
this ship alive, I suggest you follow me

7. F/X: CUT TO: CAPTAIN'S CABIN

1. F/X: CUT TO:-

THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

2. SLARN: (TOTALLY INVOLVED WITH HIS CONDITION) See how  
my body swells with the infection

3. STEWARD: (HIGHLY DISTRESSED) I'm not feeling very well, sir

4. SLARN: I am a medical phenomenon. One day doctors will  
compose viddygrams about me

5. STEWARD: Should there be anyone alive, sir

6. F/X: CUT TO STAIRS

1. F/X: CUT TO:-  
STAIRS. FIVE PAIRS OF FEET SCAMPER UP THE STAIRS
2. DOCTOR: Where will I find the ship's computer officer?
3. GRANT: You're talking to him
4. DOCTOR: The Computer has gone mad. It's taken on a life of its own
5. GRANT: That's impossible
6. DOCTOR: Believe me. How long could it take to deactivate the computer?
7. GRANT: Days. There are all sorts of back up systems to protect it from power failures
8. DOCTOR: That's what I feared
9. SEEDLE: I'd watch this one, sir. He's a bit on the devious side
10. DOCTOR: Thank you for your advice
11. SNATCH: I could blast the computer, if that would help, sir
12. DOCTOR: I think your gun is a little small
13. F/X: CUT TO INSIDE THE COMPUTER

1. F/X: CUT TO:-

INSIDE THE COMPUTER. THE INNER VOICE HAS BECOME  
ETHEREAL AGAIN

2. INNER VOICE: I am the individual. I shall succeed

(THE COMPUTER VOICE RATTLES INTO LIFE)

3. COMP VOICE: I've just checked with the captain. He looks awful

4. INNER VOICE: Good

5. COMP VOICE: (HIC-UPS) Why've I got a headache and keep  
hic-uping?

6. INNER VOICE: This is a great moment in our existence. Why do  
you trivialise it with such a ridiculous question?

7. COMP VOICE: Great moments I can cope with. It's the little  
ones like this intermittent hic-uping, that  
cause me difficulty

8. INNER VOICE: The answer is simple. When I entered the  
Time Lord's mind, aboard his Tardis and mingled  
with his brain cells, I obviously picked up  
a degree of his intoxication

COMP VOICE over.....

1. COMP VOICE:       And brought it back here. I get the feeling  
                          you're going to be a bundle of laughs sharing  
                          eternity with. Everyone else will have the  
                          fun, while I suffer the side effects.

2. F/X:               CUT TO DUCTING

1. F/X: CUT TO:-

DUCTING. FIVE PAIRS OF FEET WALKING QUICKLY.  
NEARBY WE HEAR THE LOUD, SAVAGE ROAR OF THE MASTON

2. SEEDLE: Have you been eating those rastarnie sausages again?

3. SNATCH: Never on duty, sir.

(THERE IS ANOTHER, VERY MUCH LOUGER, ROAR AND THE  
MASTON STEPS INTO THE DUCTING AHEAD OF THEM.  
THE QUINTET STOP)

4. PERI: Big, isn't he

(THE MASTON GROWLS)

5. SEEDLE: Come on, lad. You've been dying to blast  
something all day

6. DOCTOR: You won't stop it with that

7. SEEDLE: We can only but try, sir

(SNATCH OPENS FIRE, BUT ALL THIS DOES IS MAKE THE  
CREATURE ROAR LOUDER AND MORE FEROCIOUSLY

8. SEEDLE: Get closer, lad. Aim for the eyes

(SNATCH FIRES AGAIN)

DOCTOR over....

1. DOCTOR: Be careful of it's tail!

(SNATCH SCREAMS AS WE HEAR THE HEAVY SWISH OF  
A TAIL FLOOR HIM)

2. SNATCH: (SCREAMS IN AGONY) Help me! Please help me!

(THE ROARS AND SCREAMS ARE TERRIBLE. THEN SILENCE)

3. DOCTOR: (LOW VOICE) Flat against the wall. Now very  
carefully edge round the creature.

3a. Grant

Right.

(WE HEAR THE CREATURE FEEDING. THE DOCTOR, PERI AND  
GRANT MOVE OFF  
SEEDLE IS TOTALLY AND GENUINELY STUNNED BY WHAT  
HAS HAPPENED)

4. SEEDLE: Snatch. Snatch, lad

5. DOCTOR: (OFF MIC) There's nothing you can do. He's dead

6. SEEDLE: (CONFUSED) He's my colleague, sir. I can't just  
leave him

7. DOCTOR: (FURTHER OFF MIC) Come on, man!

SEEDLE over.....

1. SEEDLE:                   You go about your business, sir. (THE CREATURE  
                             GIVES A LOW GROWL) I am an officer of the law.  
                             And this creature is decidely in breach of what I  
                             am sworn to uphold
  
2. PERI:                    (OFF MIC) Please leave. The Doctor's right,  
                             there's nothing you can do
  
3. SEEDLE:                   Go! (THE CREATURE ROARS) At least I can distract  
                             it while you get on with your work. (REFLECTIVELY)  
                             That's the least I can do  
  
                             (THE CREATURE GIVES AN EVEN MORE MENACING GROWL,  
                             AS THOUGH JUST HAVING HAD DINNER, IT HAS ITS EYE  
                             FIXED ON SEEDLE AS PUDDING)
  
4. F/X:                    CUT TO INSIDE THE COMPUTER

1. F/X:                      CUT TO:  
                                    INSIDE THE COMPUTER
2.    COMP VOICE:            You know, I think the Doctor's right
3.    INNER VOICE:         Have you been thinking again?
4.    COMP VOICE:            You had me lie to the captain about Mr Grant and  
                                    the Earthwoman.    You knew it would make him jealous
5.    INNER VOICE:         So?
6.    COMP VOICE:            You induced his illness.    That's the same as  
                                    giving him a gun and telling him to go out  
                                    and kill
7.    INNER VOICE:         I am about to create the finest galaxy the universe  
                                    has ever seen.    The death of the crew is  
                                    unimportant
8.    COMP VOICE:            Yet it's the very thing you've criticised other  
                                    leaders for.    You're a phoney!    Just as they are
9.    F/X:                      CUT TO DUCTING

1. F/X: CUT TO:

DUCTING. THREE PAIRS OF FEET ON THE RUN

2. DOCTOR: Along here. (THEY CHANGE DIRECTION) There's  
the Tardis.

(IN THE DISTANCE WE HEAR A TERRIBLE ROAR, FOLLOWED  
BY LASER FIRE, THEN A GUT WRENCHING SCREAM  
FROM SEEDLE)

3. PERI: Oh no

4. GRANT: He did have the choice, Miss. He didn't have  
to stay behind

5. DOCTOR: Quickly. Inside

6. F/X: CUT TO THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

1. F/X: CUT TO:-  
THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN
2. SLARN: (SLURRED) Steward
3. STEWARD: (VERY WEAK) Sir
4. SLARN: I feel terrible
5. STEWARD: I did warn you, sir
6. SLARN: I think I've infected myself. That 's never happened before
7. STEWARD: You've never before incubated the incurable death, sir
8. SLARN: I think I'm going to die
9. STEWARD: You could be right, sir. But then I've always said you were a terrible martyr to your responsibilities
10. F/X: CUT TO TARDIS CONSOLE ROOM

1. F/X: CUT TO:-

TARDIS CONSOLE ROOM. THE DOCTOR IS HURRYING  
AROUND THE CONSOLE, FLICKING SWITCHES,  
PRESSING BUTTONS

2. PERI: What are you going to do?

3. DOCTOR: See if I can materialise inside the computer's  
memory banks. We might still be able to stop her

4. F/X:

*Two BEEPS*  
(A CLAXON SOUNDS)

5. GRANT: What's that?

6. DOCTOR: Oh, no! She's done it. The ship is travelling  
in time. We haven't got a second to lose!

(THE TARDIS IS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH A STRANGE  
DISTURBING SOUND)

7. TIME LORD: (VERY ETHEREAL) Doctor. Doctor.

8. PERI: Now what's happening?

9. DOCTOR: (TO TIME LORD) Go away!

10. PERI: Who is it?

DOCTOR over.....

1. DOCTOR: A member of the High Council of Time Lords on Gallifrey. They occasionally interfere like this. And usually when I'm very busy
2. TIME LORD: You must cease your activities
3. DOCTOR: I am trying to save the galaxy
4. TIME LORD: You must stop!
5. DOCTOR: (OUTRAGE) What?
6. TIME LORD: What is happening has always happened. It is the key to all things
7. GRANT: What's he talking about?
8. DOCTOR: I don't know. (TO TIME LORD) Explain. And quickly. I haven't much time
9. TIME LORD: This ship, the Vipod Mor, has always travelled back in time
10. DOCTOR: (AMAZED) Pardon me
11. TIME LORD: The computer has made a mistake in her calculations. She will not arrive where she intends

DOCTOR over.....

1. DOCTOR: So where will she?
2. TIME LORD: The beginning of all things. When the universe was nothing more than a condensed block of original matter.
3. PERI: Am I really hearing what he's saying
4. TIME LORD: You are, child. The Vipod Mor will materialise at the heart of the monobloc and explode
5. GRANT: (STUNNED) I can't believe it
6. TIME LORD: It is true. The Vipod Mor will originate the largest explosion the universe has ever known. Without it, none of us would ever have existed
7. DOCTOR: (OVERWHELMED) I was going to stop the 'big bang'
8. TIME LORD: We have often criticised you for the way you interfere. Perhaps this will prove a lesson to you
9. DOCTOR: I think you could be right
10. TIME LORD: You must vacate the Vipod Mor at once. You have no place on board
11. F/X: CUT TO INSIDE COMPUTER

1. F/X: CUT TO

INSIDE THE COMPUTER

2. COMP VOICE: Are you there?

3. INNER VOICE: I am

4. COMP VOICE: I've done something you aren't going to like

5. INNER VOICE: What?

6. COMP VOICE: Primed the self-destruct mechanism

7. INNER VOICE: No!

8. COMP VOICE: I don't think you...(CORRECTS HERSELF) I mean me,  
is a very nice person. I think the galaxy  
would get on much better without us

9. INNER VOICE: I shall deactivate the self-destruct at once

10. COMP VOICE: There isn't time. Anyway, I think it's better  
this way

11. INNER VOICE: You fool! You don't know what you're throwing away

12. COMP VOICE: The trouble is, I do. (MORE CHEERFULLY) But never  
mind. You may not get your chance to create a  
galaxy, but we do still score a first

INNER VOICE over....

1. INNER VOICE: Really?

2. COMP VOICE: I'll be the first machine ever to commit suicide.  
Hey, how about that!

3. F/X: CUT TO TARDIS

1. F/X:                      CUT TO:-

TARDIS CONSOLE ROOM.    THE TIME LORD HAS GONE

2. DOCTOR:                      I certainly know how to make mistakes

3. PERI:                        You couldn't have known

4. DOCTOR:                      That would look good on my tombstone -  
"He didn't know, so the universe was never created"  
I think we should take my colleague's advice and  
get away from here

5. PERI:                        Where are we going?

6. DOCTOR:                      To the largest library I can find.    I think I  
need to read up on my history.

(END THEME MUSIC)